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Honorable Walter D. Huddleston, Chairman
Subcommittee on Charters and Guidelines
Select Committee on Intelligence
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing in response to your letter of 19 September 1977 (R#9845), in which you request Intelligence Community definitions of some 26 terms relating to the National Foreign Intelligence Program. I appreciate the opportunity to provide views on this matter and agree with you on the importance of clear and precise definitions for terms used by and within the Intelligence Community.

At present, definitions for key intelligence terms, including a number of those specified in your letter, are found in various Community documents. An interagency working group is taking a fresh look at this matter and is now in the process of developing coordinated definitions for intelligence terminology, including all the terms contained in your letter. I have instructed my staff to contact your Subcommittee as soon as the working group has completed this task, at least as concerns the 26 definitions in which you are most interested. In view of this, I propose that we defer consideration of specific definitions at least until that time.

I am gratified by the cooperation thus far between the Committee and the Intelligence Community on matters relating to the Executive Order and intelligence charter revision and assure you of my continuing commitment to cooperate to the fullest extent on these matters.

Yours sincerely,

/s/ Stansfield Turner

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